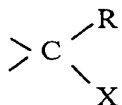


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CLAIMS

- 1) A mixture of THP or of a THP salt, THP condensate or THP analogue with at least one water soluble moderator selected from (A) metaphosphate salts and (B) aliphatic polyhydroxy or polypyrolidone compounds comprising at least three adjacent, geminal or vicinal



groups where R is hydrogen or an alkyl group, and X is a

hydroxyl or pyrolidone group.

- 2) A mixture according to claim 1 comprising a condensate of from 2 to 6 moles THP with 1 of urea.
- 3) A mixture according to either of claims 1 or 2 comprising a moderator selected from sorbitol, glycerol, trimethylolpropane, pentaerythritol, mannitol, mono and di- saccharide sugars, dialdehyde starch, alginates, polyvinyl alcohol and polyvinyl pyrolidone.
- 4) A method of tanning leather which comprises contacting collagen with a tannage comprising a mixture according to any foregoing claim.
- 5) A method according to claim 4 wherein said mixture is used prior to, simultaneously with, or after tanning with a syntan and/or a mineral tannage.
- 6) A method according to either of claims 4 and 5 wherein the leather is subsequently fat liquored.
- 7) A method according to anyone of claim 4 to 6 wherein the leather is subsequently shaved and/or split.

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